

Remarks

Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

Application Status

Claims 1 and 45-73 are pending.

Claims 62-73 were allowed.

Claims 46-55 and 57-61 were indicated allowable if written in an independent format.

Claims 1, 45, and 56 were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Peebles (US 6,557,757) in view of Haneda (US 5,172,903).

The Rejections

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections. The Office has not established a *prima facie* showing of obviousness. Nor would it have been obvious to have modified Peebles with the teaching of Haneda in the manner alleged by the Office to have produced the recited invention. Nevertheless, the claims have been amended as requested by the Office in order to advance prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file another application (e.g., a divisional application) relating to any claim.

The Amendment

Claims 46, 54, 57, and 61 have been rewritten into an independent format, as requested by the Office. Claims 1, 45, and 56 have been amended to contain similar subject matter and respectively depend from independent claims 61, 46, and 54. Other claims have been amended to correct typographical errors, grammatical errors, etc. Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are now allowable.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance.

The undersigned is willing to discuss any aspect of the Application by phone at the Office's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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